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Grant of loan to Sri J. L. P. Roche Victoria by the Tuticorin Co-operative Urban Bank, Limited.

* 228 *Q.*—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it was discovered by the Departmental authorities that the Tuticorin Co-operative Urban Bank, Limited, granted a loan of Rs. 80,000 to one Sri Roche Victoria, the then President of the Bank, far exceeding the lending and borrowing limits prescribed by the bye-laws of the Bank;

(*b*) if so, the action taken, if any, against the persons involved in such irregularities;

(*c*) whether the loan or the excess amount at least was recovered from the said member; and

(*d*) if so, when?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—" (*a*) Sri J. L. P. Roche Victoria was never granted any loan from the Bank.

" (*b*), (*c*) & (*d*) Do not arise."

SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR:—"During the last Budget session, some extracts were read from one journal, 'Hindu Madhabimani' by the hon. Member, Sri M. Kalyanasundram and the Government promised to look into them and if necessary to investigate and make enquiries. Did the Government make any enquiries and take steps in that direction?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—"A separate question may be put."

Prevention of Harijans from entering the Mariamman temple at Poolambadi, South Arcot.

* 229 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Harijans of Poolambadi of Virudhunagar, South Arcot district, were refused temple entry by the Caste Hindus (Odiars) of Neeramani at the Mariamman temple on 1st August 1954;

(*b*) whether among the persons so refused temple entry there were many policemen and Revenue Officers including Tahsildars and public men including a Harijan M.L.A.;

(*c*) whether any representation has been made by any M.L.A. to the Government in the matter; and

(*d*) whether any action has been taken by the Government under the Temple Entry Act and the Removal of Social Disabilities Act?